



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of : Martinus C. M. Bakx  
Serial Number : 10/626904  
Filed: : 07/25/2003  
For : Carton for Packaging Flanged Articles  
Attorney's Docket : D-7870  
Art Unit :

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed on the attached forms PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English-language reference:

FR 2,298,489 discloses a carton for packaging two cups each having a laterally extending flange.

The carton comprises a top wall panel 1, a side wall panel 3 connected to the top wall panel 1 and an article retention structure comprising a slit 9 that is formed the side wall panel 3. The structure includes an upper edge 8 for engaging the underside of the flange. FR 2,298,489 also discloses an article retention structure for a carton adapted to retain a cup having a laterally extending flange. The retention structure comprises a slit 9 formed in a side wall panel 3 of the carton and an upper edge 8 for engaging a portion of the flange.

This information is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information cited in this statement be considered according to 37

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CFR § 1.97(b). However, if this information is submitted after the three months and a first Office Action has been mailed on or before the date shown on the Certificate of Mailing included in this statement, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2512 in the amount of \$180 to cover the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) and consider the information according to 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

Respectfully submitted,




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	AA	3,604,614	09/1971	Sternfeld			
	AB	3,638,990	02/1972	Huault			
	AC	3,690,453	09/1972	Dorall			
	AD	6,019,220	02/2000	Sutherland			
	AE	3,164,290	01/1965	Paredes			
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	AL	2,298,489	08/1976	FR				X
	AM	984,450	02/1965	GB				
	AN	1,275,765	05/1972	GB				
	AO	1,319,902	06/1973	GB				
	AP	1,340,792	12/1973	GB				

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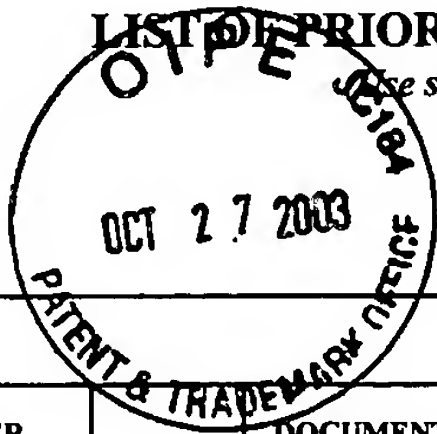
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